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Re: U.S. Patent Application  
Filed: March 4, 2005  
Serial No.: 10/526,700  
Title: Method and System for Determining Conformance of a  
Data Key with Rules by Means of Memory Lookups  
Inventor(s): Mishra et al.  
Confirmation No. 7455  
Group Art Unit: 2165  
Examiner: Michael J. Hicks  
Docket No.: 1890-0207

**REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF OFFICE  
ACTION**

Sir:

The following error or errors have affected the applicant's ability to reply to the Office  
Action dated October 24, 2007 in the above referenced patent application. Kindly provide a  
corrected office action. (MPEP 710.06)

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The following error(s) were noted in the office action dated April 9, 2008.

The Office Action dated April 9, 2008 ("Pending Office Action") alleged that claims 1-11 were pending and provided examination of said claims 1-11. Claims 1-11, however, were canceled in an amendment dated March 4, 2005, and new claims 12-31 were added. The PAIR database maintained by the Office confirms that the amendment was received. Claims 12-31 were not reviewed, examined, or acknowledged in any manner in the Pending Office Action.

This has affected Applicant's ability to reply. In particular, because none of the currently pending claims has been rejected, it is impossible for the applicant to reply.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the office action has an error that has affected the Applicant's ability to reply.

Prompt issuance of a corrected office action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



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